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SUBJECT: SITREP 29: 3 AMCITS REMAIN HOSTAGE

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Classified By: Consul Alan B. C. Latimer for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) Three American citizens, Bobbie Tyner, Shane McMorris, and Richard Moore, four British nationals, one South African, one Filipino, and one Nigerian remain hostages after being kidnapped off the shore of Bayelsa State on May 25. TransCoastal (TCO) said they last had contact with the hostages on June 4, when Amcit Tyner and the South African national contacted company representatives. Tyner said the hostages were being treated well, fed, and given water and mosquito netting. On June 6, TCO's Vice Chairman, as well as the company's emissary, continued negotiations with "The General" (Ref A), who is also known as "Young Can Grow." The Governor of Bayelsa, Timipre Sylva, spent most of this week in Abuja and did not meet company representatives.

¶2. (C) A British High Commission (BHC) official met Dr. Godknows Igali, Special Advisor to the President on the Niger Delta, on June 5 in Abuja and said Igali is still engaged in negotiations. Igali thought the new Governors were so new to hostage taking and negotiations that they "don't know what's going on." Igali reported the kidnappers of the 10 individuals offshore Bayelsa requested USD 3.9 million for all "9" of the hostages. (Note: When the BHC official asked

why Igali said 9, when there are 10 hostages, Igali responded  
"all of the hostages." End Note.)  
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